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AVAILABILITY OF MEDICAL PROFESSIONALSAND COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has takennote of the World Health Statistics Report,2011 which has ranked India 52nd among57 countries facing human resource crunchin healthcare;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the factsthereof;

(c) the density of doctors, nurses, paramedicalprofessionals and medical collegesin proportion to population in rural andurban areas of the country, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has chalkedout any action plan to improve theavailability of doctors, nurses, para-medicalprofessionals and medical colleges, particularly in the States where their ratio/density in proportion to population is lowerthan the national average during the TwelfthFive Year Plan period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) & (b) The Government has taken note of the World Health Statistics Report, 2011. The World Health Statistics series is a World Health Organisation's annual compilation of health related data for its 193 member states and includes a summary of the progress made towards achieving the health related Millennium Development Goals and associated targets. Health workforce, infrastructure and essential medicines section of the report presents data on resources available to the health systems, including physicians, nurses and midwives, other healthcare workers, hospital beds and select medical devices in respect of members states alphabetically. The details of density (per 10,000 population) of physicians, nursing and midwifery personnel in India vis-Ã -vis South East Asian Region are as under:

	Physicians (2000-2010)	nursing and midwifery personnel (2000-2010)
India	6.0	13.0
South East Asian Region	5.4	13.3

(c) Data regarding State/UT-wise density of doctors, nurses, paramedical professionals and medical colleges in proportion to population in rural and urban areas of the country is not maintained in the Ministry.

(d) & (e) To improve the human resources in health sector including current doctor population ratio in the country, the Central Government has already taken various measures which include:

(i) Relaxation in the norms for setting up of a medical college in terms of requirement for land, faculty, staff, bed/ bed strength and other infrastructure.

(ii) Relaxation in teacher-student ratio to increase the seats at Postgraduate level.

(iii) Enhancement of maximum intake capacity at MBBS level from 150 to 250.

(iv) Enhancement of age limit for appointment/extension/re-employment against posts of teachers/dean/principal/director in medical colleges from 65 to 70 years.

(v) Setting up of new medical colleges.

(vi) Financial support to State medical colleges, under the scheme of Strengthening and Upgradation of State Government Medical

Colleges, to increase postgraduate seats in various disciplines or to start new postgraduate medical courses.

(vii) Financial support under National Rural Health Mission for engagement of staff on contractual basis.

(viii) Financial assistance to strengthen and upgrade the teaching institutions for nurses and paramedical personnel.

(ix) Approval for establishment of eight AIIMS-like institutions

(six in first phase and two in second phase) in the country under PradhanMantriSwasthyaSurakshaYozana (PMSSY).